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Wardrobe Reform

by Margaret Sheridan



DO YOU feel that you can't face your wardrobe every morning when you wake up and wonder everlastingly what you're going to wear? Perhaps you've already stretched an agonized budget close to its elastic limits.

Accessories that are different, a new belt, or a minute jacket, a huge wide girdle, even a beruffled petticoat that will peek out under the hem can work miracles.

Take for instance that indispensable black dress. Use epaulets of rows of narrow white lace instead of shoulder pads and re-echo the accent with a buckle made of more rows of the lace at the belt.

Would you rather be demure? Then get out your knitting needles and a ball of white angora yarn you can buy. Knit a tiny round collar to frame your face and narrow band cuffs if the dress has short sleeves. Add balls of yellow-green and yellow and orange yarn at the neck.

Belts again come to the rescue with new interests. There are ones made of pads of colored suede linked together with a heavy costume jewelry chain, glass, metal, straw, satin.

One girl dressed up a blue wool frock by making an unusual belt. First enough yellow-green felt for a 3 inch belt with a girdle 6 inches wide was cut into 3 pieces, a smaller one being for the back. Out of yellow and green felt block figures were cut—a clown, two scotties, two ducks, question mark and exclamation point, circles, hearts and squares of several sizes, the letters A, B, C, and those of her name. Most of the figures were about 1½ inches high with a larger one for each side of the girdle. Alternating the colors the objects were glued into place with furniture glue, with the name on the smaller back piece.

After the glue was allowed to dry under a heavy weight, the pieces were overcast together with green yarn and also around the whole belt. Small hooks and eyes on the under side were for the actual fastening, and three large ones of yellow celluloid gave the opening a finished appearance.

Wake up your classroom outlook with a new jacket. Wear a brief, sleeveless bolero that opens up both front and back and is fastened only at the neck—a free-swinging high-flying stimulant.

If you feel able to invest more heavily, how about an honest to goodness jacket? Get one long and fitted

and be sure it's colorless. Choose something bright like a Roman-Stripe in yellows, greens and blues. It's a chaser for those wintry blues.

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